# ANNUAL REPORT OF KIJANA CHAGUA MAISHA PROJECT 2015



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#### **INTRODUCTION**

In **2015**, EBLI implemented its planned activities based on our yearly proposal on which our project target group were **500** students from 10 secondary schools of Kangaye, Nundu, Nyasaka, Mtoni, Mhandu ,Mahina ,Igelegele, Mapango igogo and Bugarika situated at Ilemela and Nyamagana district in Mwanza region, Tanzania and **100** young mothers within the same districts. The projected number of indirect beneficiaries' participation in the 10 targeted schools is **10,000** based on the article disseminations and school competitions which involve the participation of all students among the targeted schools. The goal of the project is to contribute to decreased number of girls who drop out of school due to pregnancy and increase the number of young mothers that acquire employment/self employment by 2016.

We received **49,500** USD from tdhs which facilitated the implementation of Kijana Chagua Maisha activities (youth choose life project) and **1,960** USD as own contribution. This is equivalent to **3.59** USD per project participant.

#### THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ➤ To support 500 youth to be better organized to actively know and demand their rights with special emphasis on the prevention of teen pregnancy and infringement of Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights (SRH&R) by 2015.
- > To strengthen 500 young people with the necessary skills needed to choose and maintain a healthy lifestyle, avoiding casual sexual behaviour patterns which put them at risk of pregnancy and dropping out of school by 2015.
- ➤ To empower 100 young mothers with computer and job related skills and passion for entrepreneurship so as to reduce joblessness, dependency, and related social, psychological and financial problem by 2015.
- Figure 100 young mothers with the knowledge and tools for starting and running a successful group enterprise without outside dependency
- ➤ Enable 100 young mothers to attain economic emancipation and rise out of poverty through strategically planned income-generating activities
- Empower 100 young mothers to joyfully and confidently live a full and dignified life

#### 1.0 IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE CONTEXT

2015 was an election year for members of parliament and the president of the country. The competition was stiff and there was palpable apprehension surrounding the time before, during, and after the elections. We thank God the elections, contrary to what people believed, were conducted peacefully and a new president sworn in under the slogan "Hapa Kazi Tu" "here is work only". His excellence president John Pombe

Magufuri from CCM political party was elected the president of Tanzania for the next five years.

One of the major changes made by the new government is cancellation of school fees for primary and secondary students. This will be a big relief to parents and their children as universal and compulsory basic education becomes accessible to all.

#### 1.1 IMPORTANT CHANGES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION

We had an incident where thieves broke into our compound and stole 16 computers and one small generator belonging to Upendo Daima. They also stole one new big generator belonging to EBLI (funded by tdhs). The incident was reported to the local police though the police have not acted in any positive way.

In 2015 EBLI experienced an expansion in terms of the personnel as several individuals have joined our organization. In addition to Maryknoll Lay Missioner, **Michael Leen**, who heads the Young Mothers Entrepreneurship and Group Enterprise department and has been with EBLI since late April 2014, a few additional international members have become part of our team.

**Tobias Peltenburg**, a development worker with Interteam, joined EBLI in May 2015. He is from Switzerland and has a background in finance, economics and business. Tobias will be dividing his time between EBLI and another local NGO, WoteSawa, working primarily on finance and accounting systems and processes.

Originally from South Korea, **Songyi Yoo** is a volunteer from the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and will be based in the computer department. Songyi has a background in youth leadership and is more than proficient in her computer skills.

Five Canadian interns from Western University did their three-month internship at EBLI in late May/early June 2015. Their assignment was two-fold: (1) assess the job market in Mwanza and provide recommendations for which business opportunities (self-employment) or forms of labor (employment) are most in need and the requisite skills EBLI should be imparting to best prepare young mothers for these opportunities, and (2) conduct frequent and ongoing follow-ups of young mothers currently in business and provide a report on the status of their business, life condition and gaps to help lift them out of poverty

To provide EBLI with a source of local income and to build bonds earlier with the young mothers studying computers, we have constructed a new computer center located at the main EBLI office. This has allowed staff and young mothers to interact earlier on, and EBLI benefits by receiving rent from Upendo Daima for use of this new computer facility. The seventh batch of young mothers moved into this new space towards the end of their studies, while the eighth batch is the first to call this new computer classroom home from the beginning of their curriculum.

#### **LISTS OF ACTIVITIES**

#### TABLE 1.1: INDICATES THE LIST OF ACTIVITIES.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (PER LOGFRAME)	IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES	COMMENTS/REASONS FOR DEVIATIONS/ADJUSTMENTS	
Result 1.1 Increased awarenes	s and knowledge among youth on	their fundamental rights and sexual reproductive health	
A 1.1: Conduct 10 trainings for 2 days each to approximately 500 students on the reproductive health rights, policies, and laws that facilitate adolescents' reproductive health development (500 form one students per year).	-We conducted ten (10) trainings on reproductive health rights, laws and policies that facilitate adolescent reproductive health development to form one student in all our ten targeted schools.	-528 (F286, M242) students were exposed and became aware of the laws that facilitate adolescents reproductive health and the rights therein.	
<b>Result 2.1:</b> young people able pregnancy and dropping out of s		y life style, avoiding casual sexual behavior patterns which put them at risk of	
A: 2.1: conduct 10 BCP workshops for 2 days each to 500 students per year in 10 schools	-5 BCP trainings were conducted covering 5 school(Mtoni, Nyasaka, Nundu, Kangaye and Bugarika secondary schoo)l. In these trainings a total of-251 (F139, M112) form one students were exposed to behavior change process.	Due to the prevailing political situation before, during and after elections we were unable to accomplish 5 trainings. Subsequently these trainings will be carried out early in 2016	
Result 2.2: young people taking up leadership positions in schools and in their clubs			

A: 2.2: conduct 3 training on leadership and facilitation skills for two days per year (after every 3month we conduct one training) each to 30 kijana chagua maisha leaders and 20teachers/club patrons/matrons.	-we conducted 1training on leadership to 28 KCM leaders from 9 secondary school.  -we conducted 2 democratic elections of Kijana Chagua Maisha Club leaders at Kangaye and Bugarika secondary school during BCP trainings.  -8(F 5, M 3) KCM leaders were elected and assumed their position immediately.	-This activity was accomplished as per the plan. Only One school could not attend as they were sitting for an exam.
Result 2.3:effectiveness of club	S	
<b>A:2.3:</b> To conduct 1 monitoring visits of clubs per month for 10 schools in order to coordinate and supervise the clubs	We conducted 20 monitoring visits to 10 targeted schools.	-the school time table was very tight due to schools were late to enroll form one students.
Result 2.4: young people become	me aware of teen pregnancy, sexua	al reproductive health& rights
A 2.4.To host 5 school competitions to showcase students talents and raise awareness on prevention of teen pregnancies 2 for 1st quarters and one competition each for remaining quarter.	<b>2600</b> students drawn from 5 host schools and 5 visiting schools participated	
Result 2.5: informative and you	uth friendly articles from students	
Result 2.5:Improved writing sk	ills and youth participation	
Result 2.5: Increased awarenes	ss and knowledge that leads to cha	ange of attitudes and sexual behaviours
A 2.5: printing and dissemination of 200 articles to 10 schools per year to disseminate update information on sexuality and students also will be	-130 articles were distributed to ten targeted secondary school such as Nyasaka, Mtoni, Kangaye, Nundu, Mhandu, Igelegele, Mapango, Igogo and Mahina secondary school.	<ul> <li>More girls than boys seem to respond to the articles by way of contributing either in answering the questions posted or writing their own articles.</li> <li>14 articles were written by the students</li> </ul>

disseminated.	
rs to the project curriculum, with each	beneficiary attaining increased knowledge regarding how to establish and run a successful group
2 intakes of young methor's	95 aut of 100 young math are graduated computer literacy leadens
computer literacy were carried.	<b>85 out of 100</b> young mothers graduated computer literacy lessons.
61 wars requited at the	
the carry oute	
ating group enterprises that are self-reli	ant: MERGED TO ACTIVITY 3.3 SEE BELOW
-We conducted	5 out of 76 young mothers are self employed and 1 out of 76 young mothers
entrepreneurship and behavior	were employed.
change training for <b>3</b> weeks.	
within each young mother as a result of	f positive reinforcement and entrepreneurial training .
-74 out of 100 Young mothers	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> batch of young mothers were not serious since the beginning of the computer
were trained and successful	class to the business class that is why 35 out of 50 completed computer
completed group enterprise	lessons and <b>28 out of 50</b> completed business class.
trainings.	
	The loaning has been delayed due to low business performance of the newly formed group. We need to be first convinced that whatever loans they are given
touring facility group(HISA)	will and can be paid back. Also we got some contribution from the Canadian
	interns who directly contributed to the group
	and an edity contributed to the group
	rs to the project curriculum, with each  -2 intakes of young mother's computer literacy were carried.  -64 were recruited at the beginning of the year and 36 in the early June

#### DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2015

A: 1.1: CONDUCT 10 TRAININGS FOR 2 DAYS EACH TO 1,500 STUDENTS (500 STUDENTS PER YEAR) ON THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS, POLICIES AND LAWS THAT FACILITATE ADOLESCENT'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

In 2015, Legal Department conducted **10** trainings for **2** days each to **Form I** students on their reproductive health rights, policies and laws that facilitate adolescents' reproductive health development. These trainings were held with the 10 targeted secondary schools (Nundu, Kangaye, Nyasaka, Mtoni, Mhandu, Igelegele, Mapango Bugarika, Igogo and Mahina) of Ilemela and Nyamagana Districts in Mwanza Region. The workshop was facilitated by Rose Edward (staff), two young mothers Zabibu Issa and Mary Mdiu and Maruma, Rhoda.G and James Robi (interns). The trainings aimed to support 500 youth to be better organized to actively know and demand their rights with special emphasis on the prevention of teen pregnancy and infringement of Sexual Reproductive Health &Rights (SRH&R) by 2015.

#### LEGAL TRAININGS METHODOLOGY

Trainings targeted 500 students (10 schools, 50 students per school) who are members of Kijana Chagua Maisha Club (KCMC). Topics focused on policies and laws related to adolescents' SRH&R. Lecturing, plenary questions, focused group discussions and role play methods of facilitation were used during the trainings. During legal trainings the facilitator used participatory method of facilitation such as focused group discussions, role play, plenary and case study. The students were able to present their views on the topic discussed during the group work. During the role play the students were able to show their talents through the scene presented. The facilitator divides the students in four groups and distributes each group with one case study to identify the offences and exchange it with other groups.



Students in a group discussion

#### LEGAL TRAINING RESULTS

During the trainings, we were able to reach a total of **528** (**F286**, **M242**) students. The following table shows the number of students per school.

TABLE 1.1 INDICATES THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING LEGAL TRAININGS PER SCHOOL

SCHOOLS	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Mtoni secondary	26	31	57
Igogo secondary	28	22	50
Nyasaka secondary	29	27	56
Igelegele secondary	25	26	51
Kangaye secondary	26	26	52
Nundu secondary	25	27	52
Mahina secondary	32	22	54
Mhandu secondary	33	21	54
Bugarika secondary	29	22	51
Mapango secondary	31	20	51
GRAND TOTAL	284	244	528

Most of the students increased awareness and understanding on their sexual reproductive health and rights. For example Based on the data collected during monitoring, **50 out 50** students interviewed understand and know their sexual reproductive health rights, **20** out of **50** students commented to be able to defend themselves and choose good friends , **18** out of **50** students commented that they are able to protect their body against sexual harassment, **5** out of **50** students commented that they were able to demand their sexual reproductive health rights and report on the violation of the same, **3** out of **50** students comments to stop having forced sexual intercourse and **1** out of **50** students did not comment on anything.

Brenda Kelbino student from muhandu sec expressed that, she managed to protect her body against sexual harassments and gave valuable piece of advice to her fellow students on how to protect their body and be able to defend themselves when they are being forced to enter into love relationship.

Students became aware of the importance of checking and treating their reproductive health system regularly to prevent themselves from contacting sexual diseases that affect the reproductive health system such as STIs, HIV/AIDS and UTI. One of the students comments that: "we were grateful to receive the information on sexual reproductive health because we become aware of our right to seek medical advice concerning our health regularly even though we do not have any symptoms of diseases. Therefore I am advising my fellow students to put emphasis on health issues through focusing on our daily behaviour that put our health at risky".

Students gained knowledge on their sexual reproductive health rights, challenges facing them not to use their sexual reproductive health rights and quality health services that they deserve. During the group presentation students described negative peer groups, sexual desire, having sex below the age of the majority, poverty, bad traditional practices, lack of health services to youth, lack of understanding of sexual reproductive health and teen pregnancy are prevailing factors that deprive them to exercise their sexual reproductive health rights.



Students during role play in class

Most of the students increased awareness on sexual harassments and rape. During the role play and case study sessions the students discussed different case study which depict various events of sexual harassments and rape. This made them to realize the importance of protecting their body, and respecting everyone decision when it comes to love relationships.

## A: 2.1 .CONDUCT 10 BCP WORKSHOPS FOR 2 DAYS EACH TO 500 STUDENTS PER YEAR.

In 2015, Behavior Change Process (BCP) Department conducted **5** BCP trainings for **2** days to **Form I** students who are members of KCMC??? at Nundu, Mahina, Igelegele, Nyasaka, Bugarika, Mapango Mhandu, Igogo, Kangaye and Mtoni secondary schools. The workshops were facilitated by two part time facilitators on attachment from SAUT university legal department. Due to the political situation before, during and after the general elections, we were unable to conduct 5 BCP trainings and have been scheduled to be conducted in the first quarter of 2016.

#### **BCP TRAINING METHODOLOGY**

BCP involves youth to participate fully in **3** stages of learning through focused group discussions, storytelling, and role play:

- 1. Know and accept the present reality (behavior)
- 2. Choose and commit self to a possible new behavior
- 3. Act!

#### **BCP TRAINING RESULTS**

**251** (**F137**, **M114**) student were reached. Students were very active in contributing and discussing various issues according to the instructions given by the facilitator. For example: during brainstorming sessions students mentioned HIV as the most deadly disease all over the world. The students showed a fairly good understanding of factual information on HIV/Aids and its consequences at a personal level and societal level.

Table 2.1.1: indicates the attendance per school

SCHOOL	FEMALE	MALE
NAME		
Nyasaka sec	30	20
Mtoni sec	28	22
Nundu sec	29	22
Kangaye sec	25	25
Bugarika sec	25	25
Total	137	114

During the trainings, club leaders for Kijana Chagua Maisha were elected afresh. Each of the clubs now has a chairman, vice chairperson, secretary and vice secretary for each school.

During the trainings, we conducted pre-test and post-test survey on teen pregnancy and sex to measure the students understanding on the occurrence of teen pregnancy and the student's capacity on understanding the term sex (safe and unsafe sex).

During monitoring visits, the students data shows that most of the students changed their behaviours, and most of them choose to avoid casual sexual behaviour patterns which put them at risk of pregnancy and dropping out of school .For example **23 out of 50** stopped engaging in sexual activities, **18 out of 50** students continue doing protected/safe sex, **9 out of 50** student abstained from sex. The following are the student's testimony on change of behaviours:

"I am in a relationship, my girl friend and I, we are using condoms during sex and we go for medical checkup often". Student from Kangaye sec.

"I practice safe sex by using appropriate methods that can prevent me from sexual diseases and early pregnancies." Student from Mhandu sec

A: 2.2 To conduct 1 training on leadership and facilitation skills for two days per year (after every 3month we conduct one training) each to 30 Kijana Chagua

Maisha leaders and 20 teachers/club patrons/

Every year, EBLI through its Kijana Chagua Maisha club, receives new members in form one in all the ten targeted schools. These members are exposed to BCP and Legal education. The culmination of these training is an election of club leaders. Once the leaders are democratically elected, they come together for a two day leadership and facilitation skills training.

This year the training took place at EBLI premises and was attended by **28** club leaders from 9 schools. One school could not attend as they were sitting for an exam. our aim is to empower the young leaders keep the fire burning in the schools and make the KCM a positive peer pressure club where members are nurtured to develop into responsible young adults.

The workshop was enthusiastically welcomed by the participants and valuable information, discussions and suggestions were made. Leadership was defined, responsibilities and qualities of an effective leader were identified, roles of a KCM leader was pointed out and styles of leadership were explored.

#### LEADERSHIP TRAINING RESULTS

The post workshop evaluation indicated that **80**% of the participants gained knowledge and skills on leadership and facilitation while **20**% pointed out that EBLI needs to do more in terms of follow ups, monitoring and general strengthening of the KCM clubs.

## A: 2.3: TO CONDUCT 1 MONITORING VISITS OF CLUBS PER MONTH FOR 10 SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO COORDINATE AND SUPERVISE THE CLUBS:

In November and the beginning of December 2015 we conducted 20 monitoring visits to 10 targeted schools of Kangaye, Igogo, Nundu, Mtoni, Igelegele, Mhandu, Mapango, Bugarika, Nyasaka and Mahina secondary school with the purpose of reducing pregnancy rate among secondary schools going girls so that they can successfully complete their education through building their capacities on behaviour change process, laws and policies that facilitate adolescents reproductive health rights and information.

This monitoring report describes the summary of achievements, challenges and lessoned learned of implementation of Kijana Chagua Maisha project for the period of 12months. The project intervention started from January 2015 to December 2015 in 10 secondary schools in Ilemela and Nyamagana district of Mwanza region targeting school going youth and out of school going youth (young mother).

#### **MONITORING FINDINGS**

According to the data collected during monitoring, we found out that there is the decrease number of pregnancy cases compared to the previous years. For instance **14** pregnancy cases were reported this year out of **27** drop out cases to all targeted schools while **18** pregnancy cases out of **40** dropout cases were reported during the year **2014**.

According to the teacher's data from the 10 targeted schools, in 4 targeted schools of Mahina, Igelegele, igogo and Nyasaka secondary school there were no pregnancy cases reported from the **FORM IV** class who completed their study **November 2015** while 3 targeted schools of Igelegele, Kangaye, and Mahina there were no pregnancy cases reported from **FORM IV** who completed their study **November 2014**. The following table shows the comparison of the total dropout rate and pregnancy cases in this year **2014** and **2015**.

Basing on the data collected during monitoring, it shows that there is the increased number of girls who successfully completed their studies in **2015**. For example the data show that all girls from Mahina, Igelegele, Igogo, mhandu and kangaye secondary schools succeeded to complete their studies. Not only that but also in mapango secondary school girls enrolled were **80**among them **79** completed their studies successfully, the same as in Bugarika where **62** girls were enrolled and **60**girls were successfully completed their studies followed by nundu on which **105** girls enrolled and **100** girls completed their.

## A:2.4: HOST 5 SCHOOL COMPETITIONS TO SHOWCASE STUDENTS' TALENTS AND RAISE AWARENESS ON PREVENTION OF TEEN PREGNANCIES 2 FOR 1ST QUARTER AND ONE COMPETITION EACH FOR REMAINING THE QUARTERS.

**5** interschool competitions were carried out on various dates. The inter school competition were facilitated by Mr. James Rhobi (intern) and Miss Rhoda Maruma (intern) together with Miss Zabibu Issa (young mother). The school competitions involved different activities such as debate, drama, comedy, songs and poem dancing, talent shows, and sports (netball and football).



DEBATE BETWEEN KANGAYE AND MAHINA SECONDARY SCHOOL

The debate theme was; utandawazi unachangia maadili ya vijana kuporomoka. That meaning globalization contributes in deteriorating morals among youth.

The competing schools are fully involved in the preparation and presentations of the various items to be shown. Apart from the members of Kijana Chagua Maisha club who participated in various activities, all students from the host school were allowed to attend the competitions unlike the other competing school on which only 100 students were transported.

#### **COMPETITION RESULTS**

During school competition we reached **approximately 2,600 students** who participated in the schools competitions in which the guest schools were **500** (a hundred from each school) members of Kijana Chagua Maisha. In the host schools the number of students varied in accordance with the number of students at the school.

The table 1.0 indicates the number of students attended the competition.

Name of school	Number of students
Igogo	100
Igelegele	380
Mapango	100
Nundu	400
Mahina	100
Kangaye	400
Nyasaka	400
Mtoni	100
Mhandu	420
Bugarika	100
TOTAL	2600

- > Students gained knowledge on causes and effects of sexual patterns among students
- > Students were able to show and improve their talents and designs this is through talent shows, dancing groups, singing groups and most of all in sports.
- > Through argumentations, students from competing teams gained self-confidence and the art of public speaking.

## A: 2.5 Printing and dissemination of 200 articles to ten (10) schools per year to disseminate update information on sexuality and students also will be encouraged to write their own articles for circulation:

130 articles out of 240 articles were printed and distributed to 10 targeted schools of Nundu, Kangaye, Nyasaka, Mapango, Igogo, Mtoni, Mhandu, Mahina, Igelegele and Bugarika secondary schools. The nature of the articles distributed was on the case study (stories) which covers the challenges faced by the students/youth during their adolescent stage. Some of the stories were about sexual harassment, rape, gender violence, conflict resolution management skills, stress management and the art of decision making. 1747

students responded to the articles written through answering the questions asked, or comments on the article written.

During monitoring, we found out that **14** articles were written by the students from the 10 targeted schools. Most of the student's articles were based on Sexual harassment, Sexual reproductive health, prevention of sexual diseases and avoiding unprotected sex, early pregnancy, and Position of a woman in the society

**50 out of 50 students** responded that article dissemination in schools help them to change their behaviours. The following are the student's comments on article dissemination in schools;

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The articles were disseminated to students by putting them on the bulletin boards which we mounted in every school. The method used is participatory in nature where by students were encouraged to read and attempt few questions asked at the end of the story in the article. Afterwards we collected the student's opinions, processed them and subsequently display them for wider readership.

#### **RESULTS**

Students who answered the articles were able to identify the unwanted practices and attitudes that are detrimental to the reproductive health of adolescents. Additionally there was evidence of increased awareness depicted by the way the students answered the questions posed at the end of each article.

A: 3.1 Recruit and Conduct basic computer literacy lessons to 100 deserving young mothers :( introduction to computers, ms word, ms publisher, ms excel, Ms PowerPoint, ms access, and internet & email) for 4 months each intake. In 2015,

In January of 2015, the Executive Director, Bernard Makachia, and Head of Young Mothers Entrepreneurship and Group Enterprise Department, Michael Leen, visited 20 wards around the city of Mwanza to recruit the first intake of young mothers for 2015. During each visit, they met with the Ward Executive Officer who distributed flyers promoting the EBLI computer and business lessons to each neighbourhood chairperson within the ward. Additional flyers were distributed to the Archdiocese of Mwanza, which resulted in announcements being made at Roman Catholic parishes across the city.

All interested young mothers were asked to visit the offices of EBLI for an in-person interview and to provide the following documents:

- Reference letter from the street chairperson
- Clinic card of the child

- Commitment letter from the guardian/parent
- Two passport size
- Completed EBLI recruitment form (research questionnaire)

Overflow young mothers discovered during this initial recruitment activity were contacted to join the second intake of 2015, plus a few wards were visited to round-out recruitment for the year.

#### 3.1.2 TRAINING RESULTS

- For the first intake (Batch 7, January 2015), 64 young mothers were enrolled in computer literacy to learn introduction to computers, Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, as well as Internet, email and typing speed. For academic performance of this batch, see section 3.3.2.
- For the second intake (Batch 8, May 2015), 36 young mothers were enrolled in computer literacy to learn the aforementioned subjects. Their graduation has just taken place in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

#### YOUNG MOTHERS GRADUATION

On the 13<sup>th</sup> June (Batch 7 / 46 young mothers) and 16<sup>th</sup> October (Batch 8 / 28 young mothers) the graduation ceremonies were held celebrating the achievements of young mothers in computer literacy and business skills trainings.



## A: 3.2: CONDUCT 2 ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE PROCESS TRAININGS FOR 100 YOUNG MOTHERS FOR 3 DAYS EACH.

With the establishment of the Young Mothers Entrepreneurship and Group Enterprise Department headed by Maryknoll Lay Missioner, Michael Leen, Activity #3.2 has been merged with Activity #3.3. **Read more below**.

A: 3.3: GROUP ENTERPRISE TRAINING FOR TWO WEEKS FOR 100 YOUNG MOTHERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED COMPUTER LITERACY AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE PROCESS TRAININGS.

#### 3.3.1 METHODOLOGY

Following the completion of computer literacy training, young mothers enter into a three-week (expanded from just two weeks) business-training curriculum following a one-day seminar on Behavior Change Process (BCP). Over the course of the three weeks, young mothers write group enterprise business plans and, in the end, each young mother takes an individual two-hour business exam that evaluates her comprehensive understanding of the course material. Peer facilitators (past young mothers) were invited to help facilitate both the BCP and business seminars, which not only gives them facilitation experience, but also adds authenticity and relevance with our audience of young mothers. Additionally, for those not suited for entrepreneurship, a small sub-group of the young mothers was taught how to prepare a cover letter and curriculum vitae (C.V.) in order to help them gain employment in lieu of starting their own business.

#### 3.3.2 TRAINING RESULTS

In 2015, **76** young mothers (1st Batch: 48 / 2nd Batch: 28) completed computer literacy training and **74** young mothers (1st Batch: 46 / 2nd Batch: 28) successfully completed business skills training. Across batches (which were the 7th and 8th batches respectively since program inception), the business plans and constitutions for nine separate group enterprises were written: restaurant (four), tailoring (two), soap and fabric making, event decorating, and rug and tablemat making. Each group enterprise agreed on the path they would follow to raise the capital to start their businesses (e.g. weekly group savings, small income-generating activities, borrowing from friends and family, joining a saving and loaning group known as Hisa) and also aligned on a weekly group-meeting schedule. Additionally, recognizing that not all are suitable for or interested in self-employment, two additional groups (one per batch) were formed consisting of those young mothers who only wish to gain employment, primarily in the secretarial or administrative sectors. In lieu of writing a business plan, each member of this latter group drafted a cover letter to potential employers and also prepared a C.V.

It should be noted that the final grade ("cumulative weighted average") is computed using a weighted percentage: computer lessons account for 60% of the grade and business lessons the remaining 40%. This weighting is reflective of how much time each young

mother spends learning computer versus business skills. The first table below reflects the grades of the first batch of 2015, while the second table reflects the grades of the second batch of 2015.

In addition to business skills training, EBLI continued with its new revolving fund initiative (saving and loaning group) known as Hisa, which is meant to further empower young mothers to escape poverty in order to advance personal and community development. It also provides an opportunity to deposit money into group savings and borrow at a fair interest rate. In 2015, EBLI initiated a pilot Hisa group that met weekly at the offices of EBLI. After six months, the group was closed and money divided among the members as interest waned due to several of the young women moving, becoming married or pregnant with a second child. Aside from this pilot group, each of the two batches of young mothers in 2015 formed their own Hisa groups. The first batch also met weekly for six months before dividing up all of the money. A handful of these members decided they would like to continue so a second round of Hisa is being initiated in January 2016. The second batch of young mothers formed yet a third Hisa group, but attendance was very weak so after nine weeks those remaining decided to close the group and enter into a group with the first batch of young mothers who are beginning anew in January 2016.

#### 5.0 PARTNER PLATFORM MEETINGS/TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

EBLI attended a joint two-day partner platform meeting 23 – 24 March 2015 at Midland Hotel in Mwanza. This meeting was conducted with the terre des hommes schweiz national office (Nyambajo and Hamis) and brought together seven partner organizations, including: EBLI, HUMULIZA, KIVIDEA, MUVIMAWAKA, NELICO, WADADA and WDVPO.

Each partner spoke briefly highlighting project updates in the first quarter of 2015. Michael Leen from EBLI highlighted a new saving and loaning initiative, known as Hisa, as an extension of the Young Mothers Entrepreneurship and Group Enterprise project.

Finally, the two-day partner platform concluded with another discussion of HAMASA ASSOCATION – the joint consortium being established by each of the seven partner organizations. Specifically, the conversation focused on the concept paper, namely the goals, objectives, indicators and activities to be carried out this year. The group agreed to read the memorandum of understanding (MOU) and be ready to sign at the next partner platform meeting.

In the course of this annual year two major meetings/workshops were attended by the executive director. One was a Workshop on Psychosocial Support Organizations PSS SURVEY PRESENTATION REPORT at Monarch Hotel, Kirumba Mwanza on June 11, 2015. The Participants were from WoteSawa, COET, EBLI, NELICO, CHAWATA, Karibu Foundation, TECDEN, Agape, and Jipe Moyo.

The workshop was coordinated by INTERTEAM. The workshop presented a report on the survey they had earlier conducted on "added values" and "challenges" of a network with partner organizations of INTERTEAM working on "psychosocial support". EBLI suggested that instead of creating a new PSS network as majority of the workshop participants were already members of the tdh Switzerland PSS network named as HAMASA.

The second workshop was a practitioners training on Solution Focused Approach conducted in Harare Zimbabwe by tdh. The participants came from four countries namely Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique and Tanzania. This workshop enhanced our understanding of the SFA mindset and tools necessary for working with trainees. An assignment was given to all the participants to conduct before the second module scheduled sometime next year.



SFA Tanzanian participants

#### SUPERVISION/SUPPORT VISIT

In this annual report we had 2 donor visits from the National coordinator and the Finance administrator in keeping with tdh's tradition of supporting its partners. In the meeting the discussions surrounded issues of reportage and feedback, verification of financial documents and field reports and challenges facing the organization generally.

#### PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE YEAR 2015

#### TABLE 3.0: INDICATES THE PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS AND OBJECTIVES.

OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	PROGRESS TOWARD OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS
Overall goal: To	-Reduced rate of school dropout due to	-we successfully increase the rate of	- We reduced the rate of school
contribute to	pregnancies and the number of Young mothers	school girls who complete their study	dropout due to pregnancy. During
decreased number	able to provide for their daily livelihood through	without dropping out of school due to	monitoring, we found out that <b>14 out</b>
of girls who drop	self-employment or initial employment.	pregnancy.	of 27 dropout cases reported
out of school due			were pregnancy cases compared to
to pregnancy and			the last year on which 18 pregnancy
increase the			cases were reported out of <b>40</b> drop
number of young			out cases.
mothers that			
acquire			
employment/self			
employment by			
2015.			
<b>SO 1:</b> To support	-Number of students aware of their rights.	-Reached a total of <b>528</b> (F <b>286</b> , M <b>242</b> )	- Based on the data collected during
1,500 youth to be		understood and became aware of their	monitoring, <b>50 out 50</b> students
better organized to		child rights and sexual reproductive	interviewed comments to understand
actively know and		health rights.	and know their rights.
demand their			
rights with special			
emphasis on the			
prevention of teen	- Nature and number of cases of girls who	<b>20</b> out of <b>50</b> students commented to be	-According to the monitoring data;
pregnancy and	demand their rights	able to defend themselves and choose	there was <b>19</b> cases of girls who
infringement of		good friends,	demanded their rights on which:
Sexual		<b>18</b> out of <b>50</b> students commented that	- <b>6</b> out of <b>19</b> cases were rape cases,
Reproductive		they are able to protect their body against	-3 out of 19 cases were attempted
Health & Rights		sexual harassment,	rape,
(SRH&R)		5 out of 50students commented that they	-3 out of 19 cases were sexual

		were able to demand their sexual reproductive health rights and report on the violation of the same,  3 out of 50 students comments to stop having sex without the agreement of the other partner and 1 out of 50 students did not comment on anything. (data collected during monitoring visits)	harassment,  2 out of 19 cases were gang rape,  -2 out of 19 cases were child abuse.  1 out of 19 cases was forced marriage,  -1 out of 19 cases was sexual violence and 1 out of 19 cases was child maintenance (data collected during monitoring visits)
so 2: To strengthen 1,500 young people with the necessary skills needed to choose and maintain a healthy lifestyle, avoiding casual sexual behavior patterns which put them at risk of pregnancy and dropping out of school by 2015.	-Increased completion rate of girls.  - Percentage of students who change in sexual behavior patterns.	- Igelegele and mahina secondary school we are 100% successfully on reducing dropout rate due to pregnancy and other cases because since last year there was no reported cases on dropout rate. In addition to that Igogo, Nyasaka and Bugarika secondary school we are 100% successfully on reducing the dropout rates in the year 2015 compared to the last year. (data collected during monitoring visits)	Basing on the data collected during monitoring, the data shows that there is the increased number of girls who successfully completed their studies in 2015. For example the data shows that all girls from Mahina, Igelegele, Igogo, mhandu and kangaye secondary schools succeeded to complete their studies (data collected during monitoring visits)  -Monitoring data revealed that; 23 out of 50 students discontinue engaging in sexual activities, 18 out of 50 students continue doing protected/safe sex, 9 out of 50 student abstained from sex.(data collected during monitoring visits)

SO 3: To empower	- Percentage of young mothers who complete	-76 out of 100 young mothers were	Of those who responded to the
100 young	computer training	empowered with computer skills while <b>74</b>	survey, all young mothers enrolled
mothers with		out of 100 young mothers were	in 2015 had an average pre-training
computer and job		empowered with business skills for	income of TZS 5,000 per month,
related skills and		employment / or self employment	which increased to an average
passion for			monthly income of TZS 104,167
entrepreneurship			after training.
so as to reduce	Number of Young mothers self-employed or are	-76 out of 100 young mothers were	
joblessness,	having jobs (long term)referred with business	empowered with computer skills while <b>74</b>	In the 7 <sup>th</sup> batch of young mothers,
dependency, and	skills.	out of 100 young mothers were	<b>100%</b> of those surveyed were either
related social,	Skiiis.	empowered with business skills for	employed (20%) or self-employed
psychological and		employment / or self employment	(80%) after training. Batch 8 follow-
financial problems		employment / or self employment	up survey is ongoing.
2015.			up survey is origonig.
<b>SO4</b> Equip young	-Percentage of attendance and completion of	As above	74% successfully completed
mothers with the	curriculum		computer literacy and business
knowledge and			skills trainings
tools for starting			
and running a	Number of businesses initiated.	As above	80% of those surveyed initiated
successful group			their own business
enterprise without	Percentage of those whose economic level has	As above	Of those who responded to the
outside	improved.		survey, all young mothers enrolled
dependency.			in 2015 had an average pre-training
			income of <b>TZS 5,000</b> per month,
			which increased to an average
			monthly income of <b>TZS 104,167</b>
			after training.
<b>SO5</b> Enable young	Economic levels at household level	Of those who responded to the survey, all	Many young mothers live in difficult
mothers to attain		young mothers enrolled in 2015 had an	home environments due to low
economic		average pre-training income of <b>TZS 5,000</b>	economic status

emancipation and		per month, which increased to an average	
rise out of poverty		monthly income of TZS 104,167 after	
through		training.	
strategically			
planned income-			
generating			
activities.			
<b>SO6:</b> Empower	Economic levels at household level		Many young mothers live in difficult
young mothers to		In the 7 <sup>th</sup> batch of young mothers, <b>100</b> %	home environments due to low
joyfully and		of those surveyed were either employed	economic status
confidently live a		(20%) or self-employed (80%) after	
full and dignified		training. Batch 8 follow-up survey is	
life		ongoing.	
<b>SO7</b> -To mentor and	Ability and capacity to independently manage	Wadada visited on a monthly basis for	An independent board put in place
build the capacity	their project	mentorship	with regular meetings. Internal
of Wadada			controls for the financial systems
organization for			put in place
effective project	increased understanding and acquisition of	As per above	Financial and project management
Implementation	skills to run an organization technically and		workshops offered to the staff
	financially		
	number of capacity buildings trainings	Workshops organized to fit the capacity	Five capacity building trainings
	conducted	needs of wadada	conducted in the area of financial
			management, monitoring and
			evaluation, proposal writing and
			report writing
RESULTS	INDICATORS	PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS	PROGRESS TOWARDS
			INDICATORS
RESULT 1.1:	-Number of students attending the training and	-100% of youth trained increased their	- 528 (F 286, M 242) understood
Increased	are aware of their rights.	awareness and knowledge on their	and became aware of their child
awareness and		fundamental rights and sexual	rights and sexual reproductive
knowledge among		reproductive health.	health rights.

youth on their	-Nature and number of cases of girls who	-31students out of 50 student's comments	-According to the monitoring data;
fundamental rights	demand their rights.	there was the vast increase of awareness	there was 19 cases of girls who
and sexual		and knowledge on sexual reproductive	demanded their rights on which:
reproductive health		health among themselves, 14 students out	-6 out of 19 cases were rape cases,
		of <b>50</b> students comments to have an	-3 out of 19 cases were attempted
		average increase of awareness and	rape,
		knowledge on sexual reproductive health	-3 out of 19 cases were sexual
		among themselves, 3 students comments	harassment,
		to have a low increase on the same and	2 out of 19 cases were gang rape,
		the 2 students did not comment.(Data	-2 out of 19cases were child abuse.
		collected during monitoring)	1 out of 19 cases was forced
			marriage,
			-1 out of 19 cases was sexual
			violence and 1 out of 19 cases was
			child maintenance
RESULT 2.1	-Reduced sexual activity and/or safe sexual	-According to the teacher's data, 10 out	-Monitoring data revealed that <b>32</b>
Young people able	practices among the students.	of 10 teachers observed the change of	out of 50 students discontinue
to choose and		sexual behaviors among the students and	engaging in sexual activities.
maintain a healthy		they commented that this was contributed	
lifestyle, avoiding	-Statistical reduction of sexually transmitted	by the EBLI activities in schools such as	100% successfully contributed to the
casual sexual	infections.	trainings; article distributed, and school	reduction of sexually transmitted
behavior patterns		competitions. Foraxample 4 out of 10	infections. This is observed during
which put them at		teachers commented that the trainings	the <b>BCP</b> trainings on pre test survey
risk of pregnancy		helped the students to know and	on which <b>35(F4, M31)</b> students
and dropping out		understand sexual matters hence lead to	practiced sex with more than one
of school		the positive attitudes and decision hence	partner. (i:e they may contact STIs
		change in behaviours.3 out 10 teachers	during the act). During monitoring
		commented club are a catalyst for the	visits we found out that <b>32</b> out of <b>50</b>
		change of behaviour and 1 out of 10	students abstained from sex and 18
		teachers believe articles distributed	out of <b>50</b> students practice safe
		contributed to the same	sex.(i:e 50 students(32 abstain from
			sex and 18practise safe sex) they

			are free from <b>STIs.</b>
	-number of students who practice safe sex/abstain from sex.		- 18 out of 50 students continue doing protected/safe sex, 32 out of 50student abstained from sex
RESULT 2.2	-Number of students taking up leadership	-Some of the leaders of Kijana Chagua	-25 (F15, M10) students taking up
Young people	positions.	Maisha Club were from Form IV; hence	leadership positions in schools and
taking up		we need to elect new leaders from the	in their clubs.
leadership		schools with <b>Form IV</b> students leaving.	
positions in schools			
and in their clubs.			
RESULT 2.3:	-number of club meetings conducted	-Increase number of club members. We	-82 club meetings were conducted
Effectiveness of the		totally have 712 club members from all	
clubs		the <b>10</b> targeted school members from form <b>I</b> to <b>IV</b> .	
RESULT	-number of students attended the competitions	-50 out 50 students comments to become	- <b>2,600</b> students attended the
2.4:Young people	number of statems attended the competitions	aware of teen pregnancy, sexual	competitions.
become aware of		reproductive health and rights.(data	2
teen pregnancy,	-students participation in various activities (role	collected during monitoring visits)	<b>17out of 50</b> students participate on
sexual reproductive	play,dialogue,debate,poems,talentshows		role play, 2 out of 50 participate on
health and Rights	&football)		dialogue, 1 out 50 participate on
			debate,6out of 50 students
			participate on poems writing and
			presenting, 10 out of 50 students
			participate on talent shows( drama,

			music fashion shows) and 3 out of
			<b>50</b> participate on football match
			competitions and 11 out of 50
			students they did not comment to
			participate on anything <b>( data</b>
			collected during monitoring
			visits)
RESULT 2.5:	Number and nature of articles written by the	- Some students' comments that Article	-50 out of 50 students responded
informative and	students.	writing inspires them to write articles.	that article dissemination in schools
youth friendly			help them to change their behaviors.
articles from			
students			
RESULT 2.5	-number and nature of articles written by the	-14 students improved their Writing skills.	-14 articles were written by the
Improved writing	students.		students from the 10 targeted
skills and youth			schools of Nundu, Kangaye,
participation			Nyasaka, Mapango, Igogo, Mtoni,
			Mhandu, Mahina, Igelegele and
			Bugarika secondary schools. Most of
			the student's articles were based on
			Sexual harassment, Sexual
			reproductive health, prevention of
			sexual diseases and avoiding
			unprotected sex, early pregnancy,
			and Position of a woman in a society
RESULT 2.5:	-number of students Who practice safe	-most of the students comments that	-18 out 50 students practice safe
Increased	sex/abstain from sex.	article writing and dissemination	sex.
awareness and		increased their awareness and knowledge	
knowledge that		that leads to a change of attitudes and	-32 out 50 students abstain from
leads to change of		sexual behaviour.	sex
attitudes and			
sexual behaviour.			

RESULT 3.1	. Percentage in attendance and completion of	- Of those who responded to the survey,	- Of those who responded to the
Expose 100 young	the curriculum	all young mothers enrolled in 2015 had an	survey in the 7th batch of young
mothers to the		average pre-training income of TZS 5,000	mothers, 100% were either
project curriculum,		per month, which increased to an average	employed (20%) or self-employed
with each		monthly income of TZS 104,167 after	(80%) after training. Batch 8 follow-
beneficiary		training.	up survey is ongoing.
attaining increased			
knowledge			
regarding how to			
establish and run			
a successful group.			
RESULT 3.2	Number and quality of group businesses	-No income generating group enterprise	- Business plans and constitutions
Establish 5	initiated	that are self-reliant	for nine separate group enterprises
income-generating			were written: restaurant (four),
group enterprises			tailoring (two), soap and fabric
that are self-reliant			making, event decorating, and rug
			and tablemat making. Each group
			enterprise agreed on the path they
			would follow to raise the capital to
			start their businesses (e.g. weekly
			group savings, small income-
			generating activities, borrowing from
			friends and family, joining a saving
			and loaning group known as Hisa)
			and also aligned on a weekly group-
			meeting schedule.
RESULT 3.3: Elicit	Number of young mothers whose Confidence in	Prior to training, 80% of young mothers	Prior to training, <b>80</b> % of young
increased self-	conducting business increased	reported their level of self confidence to be	mothers reported their level of self
confidence within		good or very good. After training 100%	confidence to be good or very good.
each young mother		said it is good or very good.	After training 100% said it is good or
as a result of			very good
positive			

reinforcement and		
entrepreneurial		
training		

## ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT PROGRESS, LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES/POTENTIAL NEED FOR ADJUSTMENTS

#### PROJECT PROGRESS/HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS

- > **528 (F 284; M 244)** students attended trainings in laws and policies that facilitate adolescents' reproductive health development.
- ▶ **251 (F137, M114)** students attended BCP trainings.
- ➤ 10 out of 10 teachers observed the change of sexual behaviors among the students and they commented this was contributed by the EBLI activities in schools such as trainings; articles distributed, and school competitions.
- ▶ 100% of girls enrolled, successfully completed their studies without dropping out of school due to pregnancy in five schools of Mahina, Igelegele, Igogo, mhandu and kangaye secondary school. Whereas Mapango secondary school girls enrolled were 80 among them 79 completed their studies successfully, Bugarika where 62 girls were enrolled and 60 girls were successfully completed their studies followed by Nundu on which 105 girls enrolled and 100 girls completed their studies.
- ➤ We contributed to the decrease number of girls who drop out of school due to pregnancy for example according to the data collected during monitoring visits 14 pregnancy cases out of 27 drop out cases were reported in 2015 compared to 18 pregnancy cases out of 40 drop out cases 2014.
- ➤ We contributed to the reduction of drop out cases in schools for example 27 out of 1,755 students drop out case reported 2015 compared to 40 dropout cases out of 6,261 students reported in 2014.
- ▶ 32 out of 50 students abstained from sex
- ➤ **18** out of **50** students practice safe sex
- > 100% successfully contributed to the reduction of sexually transmitted infections
- ➤ We reached **approximately 2600 students** who participated in the schools competitions in which the guest schools were **500** (a hundred from each school) members of Kijana Chagua Maisha.
- ▶ 130 out of 240 articles were written and distributed to all 10 targeted schools.
- ▶ **14** articles were written by the students from all the targeted schools.
- > **74** young mothers successfully completed both computer literacy and business skills training and received their certificate during one of two graduation ceremonies held during the year.
- > Business plans and constitutions for **9** separate group enterprises were written: restaurant (four), tailoring (two), soap and fabric making, event decorating, and rug and tablemat making.

➤ Of those who responded to the survey, all young mothers enrolled in 2015 had an average pre-training income of **TZS 5,000** per month, which increased to an average monthly income of **TZS 104,167** after training. In the 7<sup>th</sup> batch of young mothers, **100**% of those surveyed were either employed (**20**%) or self-employed (**80**%) after training. Batch 8 follow-up survey is ongoing.

#### **CHALLENGES**

- ▶ **5** BCP trainings were not conducted due to lack of personnel.
- > 110 articles were not distributed due to lack of personnel.
- ➤ Revolving fund was not used because we received funds from private donors, so it was decided to hold revolving fund money until 2016.
- ➤ Lack of systematic follow-ups and mobile state (i.e. moving, marrying, etc.) of young mothers made it very hard to conduct follow-up surveys with all to know their employment status, monthly income, etc.
- ➤ Group enterprise initiations are quite difficult at the beginning as a few unmotivated individuals contribute to the demise of the entire group.

#### **CRITICAL REFLECTIONS**

- ➤ EBLI to focus on doing more by doing less and put much emphasis on what we are good at.
- > EBLI will focus on networking with other organizations which we share the same vision/mission.
- EBLI desires to have more and younger people involved in the actual delivery of EBLI services (i.e. leading BCP trainings, co-facilitating entrepreneurship and group enterprise seminars, etc.)

#### LESSONS LEARNED

- > EBLI school interventions contribute to the positive behaviours among the students.
- Young people are very mobile whatever economic empowerment seed we plant on them takes time to germinate.
- ➤ Most of the young mothers, they use the experience they gained from us as a bridge for economic emancipation.
- ➤ Most of the young mothers increased their confidence after the trainings.

### TEACHERS TESTIMONY ON OBSERVING THE CHANGE OF BEHAVIOURS AMONG THE STUDENTS

"EBLI trainings support the change of behaviours for many students in our school, for example previously most of the students were bush runners in our school but theses trainings we do not have bush runners". By the patron teacher from mhandu sec.

"More than **50%** of the students who behaved badly are now changed due to the articles and seminars from EBLI .These have brought big changes together with making students understanding themselves". **Patron bugarika** 

#### INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS STORIES

#### I: FROM STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS.

I have a friend of mine called Sophia who was forced to have sex without her consent. But when she told me about her forced relationship, I helped her to report the matter because the natures of the acts are not accepted because she is under the age and she may contact STIs/AIDS. After some follow ups now she stopped being in that relationship and since then she is not forced to have sex without her consent. Catherine Paul kapesa, Mahina sec

#### II: FROM YOUNG MOTHERS GROUP ENTREPRISE.

#### Suzan Silas, Age 22

My name is Suzan Silas and I am 22 years old and I have a child named Charles who is five. I live with my parents, though my biological father left my mother when she was pregnant. My mother endured and she is caring for me until now although we have passed many life transitions together.

When I became pregnant in school my mom was very hurt because my life was very difficult and she wanted to see me succeed. Though I persisted I became pregnant in level Form II in secondary school at age 17 and cried because I saw my dreams ending. However, God gave me a chance and he knew what would come as I saw an EBLI flyer on a tree and I was so happy. I began to study computers and saw my life about to change and now my dreams are coming to fruition because of the many advantages received. Studying and learning entrepreneurship enabled me to open and manage my business and plan for expenses. Also, EBLI began for us a saving and loaning group called Hisa to help us care for money and expand our businesses and obtain loans and help each other in times of difficulty. I am self-employed and I began a small restaurant business and later opened a fruit and vegetable stand, and sell soda because of the EBLI partnership with Pepsi, and now I am opening a women's hair salon, which I am still building and I ask God to help me finish building and continue well economically.

My life is no longer bad like in the past but I should continue to exert myself because my journey continues. Of course I am passing through many challenges such as lacking funds as I am often taking care of my sick child.

I counsel other women passing through similar circumstances to not despair because gold is refined in the fire and they too one day will be like gold so they should not sit and be ashamed or forget that to fall is not the end of the journey – they should wake up and take the next step. Do not give up. Finally, I thank EBLI and its leadership – Bernard Makachia and Michael Leen – for giving me education and experience to develop my life and that of my family. Thank you all and may God bless and multiply those who come to EBLI.

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